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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION ISLAMABAD INFO LAHORE FROM  
KARACHI MAR 30TH REPEATED FOR YOUR INFO

QUOTE  
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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PK, PINT  
SUBJECT: KARACHI SIDESHOW

1. THE PNA DEMONSTRATION TO PROTEST CONVENING OF THE  
PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY TURNED VIOLENT ABOUT MID-DAY. THE  
POLICE AND THE ARMY HAD BLOCKED ALL ROADS LEADING TO THE  
SIND ASSEMBLY BUILDING FROM EARLY MORNING BUT A CROWD  
OF SEVERAL HUNDRED PERSONS GATHERED ON NEARBY STREETS,  
ERECTED BARRICADES TO TRAFFIC, BURNED A PPP OFFICE AND  
A SUZUKI, AND FINALLY THREW STONES AND TRIED TO REACH THE  
ASSEMBLY BUILDING. THE POLICE RESPONDED WITH TEARGAS  
AND LATHI CHARGES. WE CANNOT CONFIRM RUMORS OF GUN-  
FIRE, HOWEVER.

2. MEANWHILE A PROCESSION OF SEVERAL HUNDRED WOMEN  
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MARCHED ON THE ASSEMBLY BUILDING. THEY WERE BLOCKED  
BY THE POLICE. THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT THEIR  
REFUSAL TO DISPERSE WAS ALSO MET BY TEARGAS BUT WE  
CANNOT SUBSTANTIATE THIS REPORT.

3. FINALLY, THE EXPECTED BAR ASSOCIATION PROCESSION  
STARTED UP BUNDER ROAD WITH THE APPARENT GOAL OF THE

ASSEMBLY BUILDING. THE MARCHERS NUMBERED 300 - 500. SO FAR AS WE CAN DETERMINE AT THIS HOUR THE LAWYERS AVOIDED A PHYSICAL CLASH WITH THE POLICE. HOWEVER, SKIRMISHING IS STILL GOING ON IN THE AREA OF THE ASSEMBLY BUILDING AND IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO ASSESS THE EVENTS OF THE DAY ACCURATELY UNTIL LATER.

4. ALTHOUGH ARMY TROOPS HAVE BEEN PRESENT IN THE AREA THROUGHOUT THE DAY THEY APPEAR NOT TO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN ENFORCEMENT MEASURES UP TO NOW.

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